a session module, in communication with the data storage, to non-persistently connect to the communications module and [access] <u>directly manipulate</u> the client database <u>during the connection</u> from time to time.

8.   (Amended)   The system of Claim 1, wherein the data storage comprises a mail server so that the client [computer] <u>device</u> can access electronic mail.

15.   (Amended)   The method of Claim 11, wherein the data storage comprises a mail server so that [the client computer] <u>one of the mobile clients</u> can access electronic mail.

22.   (Amended)   A [client/server] system <u>having a plurality of portable client devices and a server computer</u>, comprising:

a plurality of portable client [computers] <u>devices</u>, each client [computer] <u>device</u> comprising:

a client database, and

a communications module;

a data storage; and

a server computer persistently connected with the data storage, the server computer comprising a session module to non-persistently connect to at least one of the communications modules of an associated one of the portable client [computers] <u>devices</u> and [access] <u>directly manipulate</u> the associated client database <u>during the connection</u> from time to time, wherein the plurality of portable client [computers] <u>devices</u> shareably access at least a portion of the data stored on the data storage.

23.   (Amended)   The system of Claim 22, wherein a portion of the associated client database associated with a one of the plurality of portable client [computers] <u>devices</u> is retrieved and stored in the data storage.

24.   (Amended)   The system of Claim 22, wherein the data storage comprises a mail server so that at least one of the portable client [computers] <u>devices</u> can access electronic mail.

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29. (Amended)   A [client/server] system <u>having a plurality of portable client devices and a server computer</u>, comprising:

a plurality of portable client [computers] <u>devices</u>;

a plurality of data storages;

a server computer persistently connected to the plurality of data storages; and

a plurality of session modules executing on the server computer, each session module in data communication with one or more of the plurality of data storages that may be different than the one or more of the plurality of data storages in communication with the other session modules, <u>wherein one of the plurality of session modules non-persistently connects to at least one of the plurality of portable client devices.</u>

With regard to Claims 2, 3, 6, 26 and 27, at line 1, please delete "access", and replace therewith --manipulation--.

Please add the following new Claims 31-40:

31.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the data storage comprises a plurality of databases, each database associated with a service.

32.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the connection between the portable client device and the server computer is a wireless connection.

33.   The system of Claim 11, wherein the data storage comprises a plurality of databases, each database associated with a service.

34.   The system of Claim 11, wherein the connecting comprises wirelessly connecting between the one of the mobile clients and the server.

35.   The system of Claim 22, wherein the data storage comprises a plurality of databases, each database associated with a service.

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36. The system of Claim 22, wherein the connection between one of the plurality of portable client devices and the server computer is a wireless connection.

37. The system of Claim 29, wherein a one of the data storages comprises a plurality of databases, each database associated with a service.

38. The system of Claim 29, wherein the connection between at least one of the plurality of portable client devices and the server computer is a wireless connection.

39. A system having a portable client device and a server computer, comprising:

a portable client device, comprising:

a client database, and

a communications module; and

a server computer, comprising:

a data storage, and

a session module, in communication with the data storage, to non-persistently and wirelessly connect to the communications module and directly manipulate the client database during the connection from time to time.

40. A data synchronization system for a portable client device, comprising:

a portable client device, comprising:

a client database, and

a communications module connected to the client database;

a data storage; and

a computer having a persistent connection with the data storage, the computer comprising a session module in communication with the data storage for retrieving data, removing data, or updating data in the data storage, wherein the session module non-persistently connects to the communications module and directly manipulates the client database during the non-persistent connection from time to time for synchronizing at least a portion of the data in the client database with at least a portion of the data located in the data storage.